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The Honorable Carl Vinson
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 1955 with which you enclosed the letter you have received from [redacted] of McLean, Virginia regarding the possibility of locating the new CIA headquarters installation at Langley, Virginia.

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You can be assured that, prior to our reaching a final determination as to the location of our headquarters installation, CIA will make the full and complete study which you have suggested.

Both my Deputy Director and I have talked personally with Mr. [redacted] whose letter you forwarded to me. He and several of his fellow-residents at Langley appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 15th while the Committee was considering our request for appropriations for the new installation.

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CIA has consulted with the elected officials of Fairfax County with regard to the Langley site for several months. The Board of County Supervisors of Fairfax County have, by formal resolution, extended an invitation to CIA to occupy this site. The Planning Commission of Fairfax County has formally stated to the County Board of Supervisors its affirmative views upon the desirability of the CIA location at Langley, and their Chairman has stated that the Planning Commission feels that they have correctly expressed the overwhelming majority sentiment of Fairfax County residents. Similar invitations for CIA to locate at Langley have been expressed by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce representing more than 450 members without dissent, the McLean Business Association, and the Great Falls Grange No. 738 with a membership of 242.

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The Central Intelligence Agency naturally understands the feelings of some of the residents of the Langley area who, rightly or wrongly, feel that the comparative seclusion of their community may be somewhat impaired by the Agency's location at the Langley site. However, there seems to be no question but that, with the exception of a very small minority, Fairfax County wholeheartedly welcomes the CIA.

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you my sincere appreciation for the action your Committee took in granting CIA the authorization for its badly-needed headquarters installation, and for your continued support of the Agency.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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